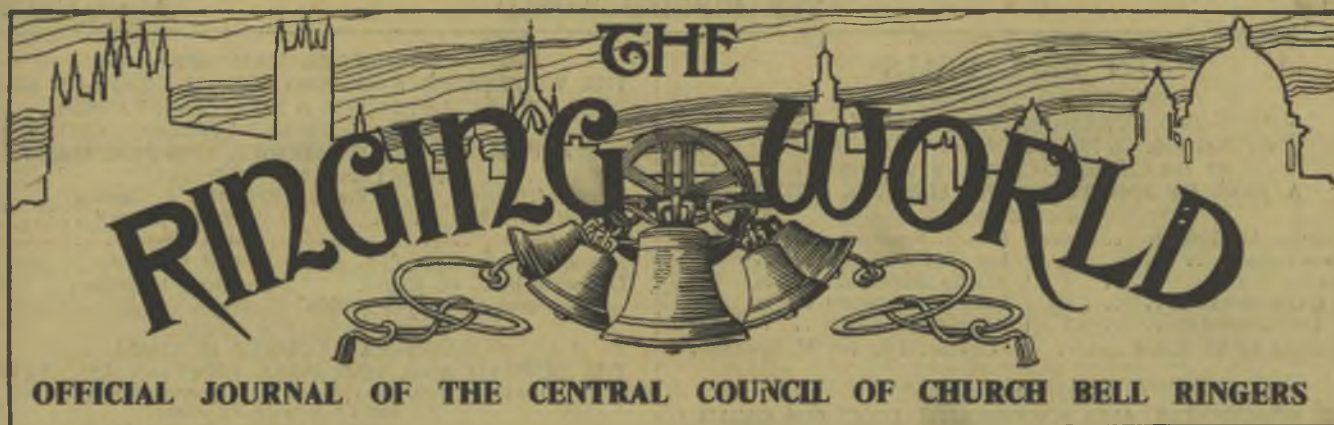




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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

MENTION of peals in Northamptonshire in the last article in this series brought, not unexpectedly, a typically rather abusive letter from Mr. P. Amos! This happened before when I surveyed the peals rung in that county a few years ago. As I think I said then, the fact that there are a few peals rung which were not published 25 years or so ago will not change the overall picture, for there cannot be more than 2 or 3 per cent. as such. In any case, in the interests of accuracy, it would help to know the details of these peals—it would also substantiate his claims. But, despite being asked for them, I fear they have not been forthcoming.

Loughborough Bell Foundry continues to forge miles ahead of any other tower. I have recorded the 750th peal there on October 20th last! No less than 60 peals were rung there last year—a record even for that tower. Other landmarks since last time are Handsworth, Yorkshire, 150 peals (claimed for the peal on December 31st, but I made it the previous peal on December 20th—perhaps we can compare notes); Duffield, 250 peals (warning duly given last time!); Whitwick, 100 peals (as claimed in the footnote on October 27th); Accrington, 100 peals (again, I appear to have one more than the 'locals,' for I made it on December 6th not January 4th); and Silk Willoughby, 100 peals. The latter thus becomes the third 6-bell tower to complete its century, and they have all been rung since 1946! Congratulations to all these. Anstey will also join the centenarians with its next peal. Blankney reached the 50 mark on January 28th, and the following towers will do so with their next peal: Aldershot, Ringwood, Stanmore and Rothwell (Northants).

Turning now to infrequent visitors to the peal columns, we find Wollaton made its only previous appearance in 1914. Clayhidon (where the peal on December 13th was thought to be the first on the bells) actually had a single previous one on October 10th, 1920—also of Grandsire Doubles. There had been two previous peals at Ebrington, in 1919 and 1922, whilst Toddington has had a peal silence of nearly as long—1923. Seven peals were rung here from 1913. I confirm that at Ashbourne, the recent peal was the first for 35 years. Peals have been rare here. Since ringing journals began there have only been four—1889, 1920, 1923 and 1958. Perhaps that is not surprising since when the Sherwood Youths rang the first peal on the bells in 1821, the Ashbourne ringers so resented the performance that they had a free fight with the Nottingham men after they came out of the tower!

The only previous peal I have found at Feniton was in 1926. Yatton had four peals from 1902 to 1930, and then had to wait another 28 years for its fifth. At Wing, I had only recorded one previous peal—in 1931, but the footnote to this latter indicated that there had been another one in 1903. If that is so, it was not published, and so the record of it has perhaps been lost. Three towers last appeared in the peal lists in 1932—Calverton, Dickleburgh and Bramshott. Before the 1914–18 war, the first of these was a very popular centre for ringing, 25 peals being rung from 1905 to 1914. After this war, 11 more peals were rung from 1919 to 1932, and then, silence. Dickleburgh had five peals of Doubles from 1923 to 1932, and Bramshott four peals, the first in 1901.

It is always pleasant to read of peals rung in Australia. The peals at Sydney R.C. Cathedral and Ballarat Town Hall broke a silence of nearly 25 years. The only previous peals at both were rung on the

famous Australian tour in 1934. Thurloxton was also last heard in that year (two peals here, 1930 and 1934). South Wingfield had an average of about one peal per annum until 1935 (apart from the war break); there were eight peals from 1903 to 1914 and seven from 1924 to 1935. Sympson had six peals as a 5-bell tower from 1904 to 1921, and then nine after augmentation from 1929 to 1936, and none since until the recent one. Tanfield's first peal came as long ago as 1891, and 11 more followed up to 1911. After the war, 15 were rung from 1922 to 1936. Hastings, St. Clement's, had two peals in this latter year. There had been one before them in 1912. Last heard in 1938 were Tilston (four peals from 1926 to 1938) and Bishop's Sutton (only peal).

Then the final group of towers which last appeared before the Second World War are Iden (with six peals from 1911), Norton-in-Hales (peals in 1908 and 1939), Shoreham (11 from 1907) and Welwyn with its only peal that year. Mention might be made of one or two towers which have not had peals for a dozen years or more. St. Peter-at-Gowts', Lincoln, had only had one peal since the last war until the recent one—in 1947. It has never been a prolific tower for peals, its total now being ten. Burgess Hill was quite popular before the first war, 27 peals being rung from 1904 to 1913. Thirteen more came from 1919 to 1937, then only one, in 1943, before the recent one. Freiston had nine from 1890 to 1912 and 16 from 1923 to 1939, then a single one in 1945 before the one a few weeks ago.

First peals were rung at the following towers since the last article—some were claimed and some were not: Wootton St. Lawrence's, Kirby Hill, Broughton (Hants), Moreton Pinkney, Clawton, Speen, Belfast, Dundela (St. Mark's), Hawkrigge, Odell, Findon and Brinkworth.

Finally, one or two points of interest noticed. At Whittlesey, St. Mary's, the only previous peal of Surprise was one of Suplative in 1923. After 21 consecutive peals of Bob Minor, Dersingham had a change—a peal of Bob Doubles! I notice that they have returned to their first love, however, with their last peal. Marston is now, I think, third in order of peals amongst the 5-bell towers, having 26 to its credit.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

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TEN BELL PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt.

VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. Treble	PAUL J. RIGBY 6
CYRIL RUSBY 2	IAN M. HOLLAND 7
HOWARD SCOTT 3	ALFRED SMITH 8
H. DAVID HOLLAND 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Arranged by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

R. ROGER SAVORY .. Treble	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 7
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. 3	JOHN HARTLESS 8
*JOHN R. FAITHFULL 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 9
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 5	MAURICE J. BUTLER Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Stedman.

A birthday compliment to the composer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

*MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. Treble	†REGINALD A. REED 5
†JESSIE M. KIPPIN 2	MAURICE J. BUTLER 6
*ADRIAN J. TUMBER 3	*TOM CHAPMAN 7
R. ROGER SAVORY 4	‡ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Major in the method

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 2,400 Plain Bob, 960 Double Bob, 576 Reverse Bob, 336 Little Bob, 288 Gainsborough Little Bob, 192 Crayford College Bob, 144 Wellington Little Court, 96 St. Clement's Bob and 96 Crayford Little Court, with 198 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	DEREK BUTTERWORTH 5
*NORMAN SMITH 2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS 6
J. BARRY PICKUP 3	PETER SCHOLFIELD 7
ROGER LEIGH 4	DEREK OGDEN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* 100th peal. First in nine Major methods for all the band, and for the Association.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD GOODALL .. Treble	H. DAVID HOLLAND 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	GIBSON JACKSON 6
HOWARD SCOTT 3	*JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 4	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to welcome the gift of a son, Adrian Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moreton.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in G.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. Treble	*MICHAEL J. THOMAS 5
REGINALD W. REX 2	R. ROGER SAVORY 6
IAN H. ORAM 3	TOM CHAPMAN 7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES N. LEA .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 2	ERIC N. HARRISON 6
MARION S. AINSWORTH 3	BRYAN PATTISON 7
KENNETH ARTHUR 4	ROBERT TELFORD Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Feb. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5136 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

JACK HARRIS .. Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT 5
EDGAR J. SMITH 2	BRIAN R. WHITE 6
CHARLES COLES 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 4	FRANK A. BARRETT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK A. BARRETT.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 variation.	Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.
ALFRED BALLARD .. Treble	T. KELHAM DEACON 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON 2	ALAN HOUGH 6
EDWARD SOWMAN 3	JOHN VERNON 7
*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY 4	JOSEPH LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal of Stedman.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hough: also a birthday compliment to Mrs. George A. Newton and T. Kelham Deacon.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

GEOFFREY HOPKINSON .. Treble	BARRIE HENDRY 5
DAVID W. JAMES 2	DEREK OGDEN 6
*MARGARET ROSS 3	TREVOR TAYLOR 7
KENNETH D. PERKINS 4	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Guild.

LONDON, E.C.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,

A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

ALAN F. THIRST .. Treble	ROGER KEELEY 5
SUSAN JACKSON 2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 6
MICHAEL P. ROSE 3	MARYN HAWKES 7
DEREK E. SIBSON 4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

Rung to mark the birth of a daughter to Alan and Meriel Thirst on February 20th.

**NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5120 WATERFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
JOHN WORTH 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
ROBERT B. SMITH 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
BASIL JONES 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by M. HODGSON.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ROGER HAZELL Treble	SYDNEY M. BAILEY 5
†SHEILA WALLACE 2	E. DENNIS POOLE 6
ARTHUR FOXALL 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
DENNIS KNOX 4	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First of Major as conductor.

SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Feb. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5088 ADDERBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

STEPHEN IVIN Treble	ROBIN G. ELLIOTT 5
DONALD H. NIBLETT 2	JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. 6
JEAN M. ADDICOTT 3	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 7
JOHN G. PUSEY 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

First peal in the method.

Rung to welcome Adrian Michael Moreton.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	DONALD E. COBB 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	JOHN N. DISERENS 6
*JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Russ on the birth of a son.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Mary's, Beddington, Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

*JEAN L. LAVENDER Treble	DAVID E. PARSONS 5
JOYCE A. PARSONS 2	FRANK D. JENNINGS 6
*ELIZABETH A. COOPER .. 3	†STEWART F. KIMBER 7
FRANK E. DARBY 4	LEONARD BANCE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

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BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	*EDWIN G. BUCK 6
*GEORGE A. SPENCER 3	JACK S. DEAR 7
PATRICIA M. BOURN 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

CLANFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

JEAN M. ADDICOTT Treble	JAMES H. PAILING 5
*JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. 2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN 6
*JOHN G. PUSEY 3	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 7
DONALD H. NIBLETT 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal of Bristol. First of Bristol for Society by a resident band.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

MARY DOWSETT Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 2	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 6
*EDWARD W. ROAST 3	ALAN R. SYDER 7
JOE E. G. ROAST 4	TERRY EARLE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in the method.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

*HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. Treble	*HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 5
GEORGE E. CRISP 2	*†DONALD F. MURFET .. 6
†DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 7
*GEORGE E. THODAY 4	†MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon A. Morris, who recently completed 21 years as Vicar at this church.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MICHAEL D. FROST Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 5
CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER .. 2	FREDERICK W. ELLIS 6
ERIC EDMONDSON 3	STANLEY HUCKLE 7
DONALD C. PRICE 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor

Composed by G. HAWKINS. Conducted by STANLEY HUCKLE.

LEWISHAM, S.E.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. Treble	J. MICHAEL LAKIN 5
SUSAN JACKSON 2	*PETER P. BROWN 6
MICHAEL P. ROSE 3	ROGER KEELEY 7
*DEREK E. SIBSON 4	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal in the method.

A 21st birthday compliment to Martyn Hawkes.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).		Tenor 13½ cwt.	
HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE 5		
JOSEPH T. BARRETT 2	ALBERT W. DYER 6		
*MARTIN D. BISHOP 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER 7		
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP .. 4	RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. Tenor		

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal of Triples. First of Triples on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5152 HANBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

ROBERT B. SMITH Treble	BRIAN HARRIS 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
JOHN WORTH 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	BASIL JONES Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

DANIEL T. MATKIN Treble	*MICHAEL J. BEST 5
*WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. 2	JAMES E. DANIELS 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	*LEWIS F. COBB 7
RONALD N. MARLOW .. 4	FRANK L. HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by MICHAEL J. BEST.

* First peal in the method.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation of Thurstons'. Tenor 12 cwt.

*SHEILA HODSON Treble	CLAUD TEMPLETON 5
*ALBERT LAWTON 2	G. ARNOLD MOORE 6
WILLIS BUCKLEY 3	*ERIC YOUNG 7
FREDK. W. GROCOTT .. 4	HARRY HODSON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.

* First peal in the method.

A 60th birthday compliment to Willis Buckley, who has been a ringer for 45 years.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

ANN GEORGE Treble	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 5
*BRIAN E. JEFFREY 2	EDWARD J. JENNER 6
MARGARET A. LADD 3	JOHN O. WELLER 7
ERNEST J. LADD 4	STANLEY JENNER Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal of Major.

WARWICK.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods: 1,088 London, 1,248 Cambridge, 1,280 Bristol and 1,408 Superlative, with 107 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY Treble	PETER BORDER 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

SIX BELL PEALS

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HENRY TOOKE Treble	*THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 2	*GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 5
*PETER ADCOCK 3	WILLIAM CLOVER .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung to mark the engagement of Miss E. Drew (sister of the ringer of the fifth) to Mr. E. Taberham, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Spight on their wedding anniversary.

PORT TALBOT, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ABERAVON,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*TREVOR T. LEWIS .. Treble	*DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. 4
*†BRIAN R. KINGSTON .. 2	†DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 5
*†DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 3	NEIL BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal of Minor. † First in the method. ‡ First of Minor in the method. First peal to be rung by an all-University of Wales band.

Rung on the occasion of the Inter-College Eisteddfod, held this year in Swansea.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

DINAH SWIFT Treble	DAVID SWIFT 4
C. WILLIAM HALL 2	TOM HARRIS 5
CELIA COWLEY 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

MEDBOURNE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.

JOHN L. MELVILLE .. Treble	DAVID C. URQUHART .. 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	ROY W. SPENCER 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK 3	RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Feb. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

MICHAEL MULVEY Treble	DAVID W. BARR 4
CLIVE M. SMITH 2	ANDREW J. STRATHDEE .. 5
MARGARET PRITCHARD .. 3	MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. FAIREY.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

Arranged for St. Matthias' Day.

ASHBY-FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Melton District.)

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents in four methods: 1,440 each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob and Oxford Bob, and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT .. Treble	CHARLES E. COOPER .. 4
HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. 2	J. HARRY COOK 5
ALFRED E. HINMAN 3	ROLAND H. COOK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar Designate, the Rev. Robert Leader.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ANGELA GRAINGER Treble	†DAVID HEIGHTON 4
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	*FRANK D. MACK 5
*PATRICK J. BIRD 3	*BRIAN J. WYLDE Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Surprise Minor 'inside' and as conductor. First of Surprise Minor for the Society, and on the bells.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's, viz.: Two each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	ALAN E. HARTLEY 4
GRAHAM T. BALL 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5
JOHN B. BENNETT 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A 'welcome peal' to Michael John, son and heir to the third ringer. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Barbara Tysoe, of the local band.

GRITTLETON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 12 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and nine extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GLORIA M. NEWTON .. Treble	*J. JAMES JEFFERIES .. 4
SANDRA LEWIS 2	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 5
RITA M. WEBB 3	ALAN F. LEE Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC J. A. BROWN.

* First peal in four methods. First as conductor. First on the bells.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Wed., Feb. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JUDITH HARDING Treble	DEREK E. SIBSON 4
MICHAEL P. ROSE 2	JOHN V. TEMPLE 5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	MARTIN HAWKES Tenor

Conducted by MARTYN HAWKES.

* First peal. First as conductor. First in the method by all the band and for the Society.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

STANLEY G. PONTING .. Treble	*ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. 4
*ANGELA J. MARTIN 2	PETER G. SMART 5
*JILL M. LANE 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in four methods. The conductor's 700th peal.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 17 methods: (1) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden and Marple Delight; (2) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (3) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV and Willesden Delight; (5) Charlwood, St. Albans, Neasden and Wragby Delight; (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

*CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. Treble	*G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4
*PETER A. SHARP 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
*JOHN F. PEARSON 3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in 17 Treble Bob Minor methods.

A birthday peal for Mrs. G. Leonard Thompson, of Waddington.

TWYNING, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's College and Single Oxford Bob, and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROGER HAWKES Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4
MARTYN HAWKES 2	*ERNEST W. PENN 5
FRED HAWKES 3	DAVID STAPLES Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,728 Gainsborough Little Bob, 1,456 Plain Bob, 636 Wellington Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, and 304 each of Double and St. Clement's, with 397 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C. *MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 1—2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3—4 | *DON C. EXELL .. 7—8
Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Spliced in six methods.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT SELWYN COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5080 SPLICED PLAIN ROYAL

Being 4,480 changes of Plain Bob, 456 of Gainsborough Little Bob and 144 of Little Bob, with 112 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A. M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 1—2 | A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 5—6
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 3—4 | J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) .. 7—8
D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 9—10

Arranged and Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 22, 1959, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT SELWYN COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E. M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 1—2 | A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 5—6
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 3—4 | H. NEILL (St. Catherine's) .. 7—8
Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by H. NEILL.

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QUARTER PEALS

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On Feb. 24th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Newton (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. Lawson (first 'inside') 2, D. Dunlop 3, E. Pepper 4, J. Sowerby 5, N. Campbell 6, A. Capstick (cond.) 7, J. Lewis 8. Rung to commemorate this day the consecration of the Ven. S. C. Bulley, Archdeacon of Westmorland and Vicar of Ambleside, as Bishop Suffragan of Penrith.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Broadley (first of Major) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Ann Shiels 4, W. Henley 5, J. Harrison 6, J. Meads 7, D. Lamb 8. For Evensong.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Feb. 22nd, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: P. J. Shipton 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, Anne E. Amor 3, D. Stainsby 4, Margaret E. L. Beamish 5, G. Amor 6, J. R. Taylor 7, K. Wakefield 8, J. B. Long 9, D. Thompson 10. For Evensong.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. First quarter in any method by all the band including the conductor. Rung for morning service as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. D. O. R. Parry) on St. David's Day.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles: J. Smith 1, D. Brunning (cond.) 2, E. Edington 3, G. Roobottom 4, J. H. Joiner 5.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Wright (cond.) 1, M. J. Cooper (first in method) 2, A. B. Cooper 3, Caroline Collier (first in method) 4, D. Cooper 5, K. Rutland 6, H. Wagstaffe 7, J. Saxton 8. For Evensong.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, T. E. Hiddins 5, J. Edmunds 6, D. W. Davies 7, T. Froleay 8. Rung in memoriam Mrs. F. Rowsell, of Llantrisant.

BRISTOL, GLOS.—On Feb. 25th, at the Lord Mayor's Chapel, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. J. Hunt 1, F. Skidmore (first in method) 2, Miss M. H. Hall (first in method) 3, R. G. Hooper 4, R. Southwood 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Speke 1, P. Woodgyer 2, June Richardson 3, T. Baker 4, D. Fowles 5, B. Ongley (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): T. Durn (first quarter) 1, June Richardson 2, A. Grant 3, T. Baker (cond.) 4, D. Shaw 5, Josephine Pole 6. For Evensong.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Feb. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Cooke 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, T. Cooke (cond.) 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, E. Pannell 5, T. Senior 6, E. M. Mashiter 7, F. Hodgson 8. For Evensong.

DORE, DERBYS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,424 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Chaddock 1, Miss C. Rodeers 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, I. Tilling 4, Miss E. A. Wardill 5, D. G. French 6, J. Seager 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Rung in memoriam Walter Allwood, of Chesterfield, who died on February 26th.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, F. White 3, H. B. Schofield 4, J. Burgess 5, A. Farrand 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bennett.

GORING, BERKS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tibbits 1, Miss P. M. Haines 2, N. Tull 3, H. Tull 4, W. Irving 5, J. Napper (cond.) 6, L. Haines 7, J. Hiscok 8. For Confirmation.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Walsh 1, D. Bartholomew 2, Mary Carnoghan 3, Edna M. Everest 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, A. Walsh 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8. For Evensong.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary-le-Tower Church, on Feb. 28th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Maximus: R. Whittell (first touch) 1, L. G. Brett 2, G. R. Goodship 3, J. Smith 4, Pat Clarke 5, H. D. Lister 6, F. B. Lufkin 7, W. G. Wilson 8, G. E. Symonds (cond.) 9, A. A. Andrews 10, J. Euston 11, E. V. Blake 12.

KEMERTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): J. Attwood 1, F. Wood (cond.) 2, C. Payne 3, C. Brazier 4, P. Warren 5, D. Devereux 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. W. J. Tooth, Rector since 1942, interred this day.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 420 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Miss I. M. Lander 1, Mrs. H. Price 2, M. B. Butterfield 3, D. L. Cull 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, B. Cann 6. First quarter for 3 and 6, and first in three methods for all. For morning service.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Waugh 1, F. Mills (first in method) 2, C. Hughes 3, L. Batley 4, Miss V. Hester 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, E. D. Smith 7, R. Smith 8.

MOORSIDE, LANCOS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 1, H. Armstead 2, F. Pritchard 3, J. Meadowcroft 4, D. Butterworth 5, I. Kay 6, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 7, T. Ogden 8. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Manchester.

MOSSLEY, LANCOS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,320 Merchants Return: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, J. Burgess 4, A. Farrand 5, A. J. Bennett 6. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the wedding at this church of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bennett.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Strong 1, Mary Powell 2, Mrs. R. Korrigh 3, D. Yeo (first in method as cond.) 4, C. Korrigh 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss E. Burton 1, C. W. Sams 2, J. C. Sams 3, B. G. Burton 4, K. C. S. Wood (cond.) 5, H. B. Makin 6. A compliment to Canon A. V. G. Cleall, M.A., upon his appointment as Archdeacon of Colchester.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie P. Colegrove 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, W. C. Budd 3, J. R. Haycock 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, T. J. Frodsham 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Diane Brazier, for seven years a ringer of this church, who died on February 26th, aged 18.

OTTERSASH, SURREY.—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 560 Grandsire): D. Pugh 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, W. Wright (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. Also on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): Miss H. Pugh 1, Miss B. Loveland 2, D. Wright 3, Hazel Stirland 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

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PENARTH, GLAM.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Havard 1, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 2, Miss Y. Harding 3, A. F. R. Hartley 4, A. M. Coombs 5, R. A. Evans 6. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. E. Edmunds, grandmother of the ringers of 2 and 4, on her 86th birthday.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Hanning 1, G. F. Hoad 2, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 3, F. J. Jeal 4, A. T. Shelton 5, W. F. Inwood 6, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 7, H. Coomber 8. In memoriam C. S. Hoad, for many years a ringer at this tower.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Perry 1, F. V. Gant 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, A. Garrover 5, A. Graineer 6, L. Woods (cond.) 7, K. Carling 8. For Confirmation.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Feb. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. W. J. Vann 1, A. E. Barlow 2, W. J. Vann 3, P. D. Howitt 4, R. Gibbons 5, P. Fisher 6, C. Underwood 7, E. G. Orland (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the baptism of Colin Sydney Osborne.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. S. Goddard 1, D. G. Pickett 2, C. G. V. Burgess (first as cond.) 3, A. D. Grant 4, M. G. Lane 5, J. R. Boyd 6. For afternoon service.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Charman 1, Miss J. Curtis 2, Miss G. Smith 3, J. Maple 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, Miss J. Horton 6. For Girl Guides' service on Thinking Day.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Burchall (cond.) 1, Lavina Hulford 2, D. Hough (first 'inside') 3, Eleanor Rose 4, B. Hough 5, Katharine Burchall 6, M. Gartside 7, W. Rushby (first of Triples) 8. Rung in memory of Mr. E. W. Vessey, at one time a much-valued member of the band. Also on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Burchall (cond.) 1, Lavina Hulford 2, D. Hough 3, Eleanor Rose 4, N. Moxon 5, Katharine Burchall 6, M. Gartside 7, R. Mumford 8. Rung by the local band as a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. J. T. Shipley, of the local band, who has been a regular ringer here for 66 years.

TENBY, PEMBES.—On Mar. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Price 1, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 2, D. G. Astridge 3, W. G. Thomas 4, D. J. Llewellyn 5, T. T. Lewis 6, B. R. Kingston 7, N. Bennett 8. Rung before Evensong by members of the University of Wales Society of Change Ringers to celebrate St. David's Day.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): D. Lambert 1, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 2, D. Cobitt 3, Margaret Hogg 4, R. Caporn 5, C. Rogers 6. First of mixed Doubles by 1, 4, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Lambert (first quarter) 1, J. R. White (first quarter) 2, C. Lay (cond.) 3, R. Davis 4, H. White 5, Arthur Stone 6. Rung to mark the birth of a son and heir to Mr. C. Loyd, churchwarden and patron of the living.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Plain Bob, 600 Grandsire): A. Burt (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 2, Miss V. Naylor 3, J. F. Carter (first in two methods) 4, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 5, D. Wesley 6. For mid-night service.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: J. Newton 1, H. Haynes 2, E. Tebbut 3, R. Stockwell 4, N. James 5, F. Chambers (cond.) 6. First quarter by Sunday service band since before the war. For Evensong.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire, 360 April Day): Judith M. Gwilt (17) 1, P. S. Bennett (17, cond.) 2, R. E. Tallis (jun., 16) 3, J. J. Green (18) 4, T. J. Gwilt 5, M. C. Hughes (16) 6. First in three methods by all except 5.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Baker (first in method) 1, D. Vowles 2, A. Parker 3, J. Brain 4, P. H. Marshall 5, R. Brice (cond.) 6, S. Smith 7, W. Neath (first in method) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to M. Price, a ringer of this tower.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch

The Eastern Branch went to Loddon on St. Valentine's Day for the annual meeting, and the eight bells were kept busy by many ringers of varying tastes and talents under the watchful eye of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. E. T. Chapman).

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon C. R. Ninham), the lesson being read by the Association president (Mr. F. Nolan Golden).

After tea the business meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate, who was re-elected to office, as were the Branch secretary, Mr. P. G. W. Newstead, and the Ringing Master, Mr. E. T. Chapman. Miss D. E. Lidbetter was re-elected to represent the Branch on the Association standing committee, and Mr. W. B. Duncan elected to fill a vacancy thereon. The Branch committee, Messrs. C. Bailey, Bird, Forder, Gorrod and Willgress, were re-elected en bloc.

The Rev. R. S. Phillips, of Kessingland, was elected an honorary member: Miss D. Shel-drake, of Norton Subcourse, Mr. W. Allford, of Lowestoft, and Mr. J. Kenyon, of Great Yarmouth, were elected ringing members.

Mr. Golden gave a summary of the results of the Sunday Service Ringing Survey so far as the Association was concerned.

Under 'Any other business' there were discussions on advance publicity for meetings, teaching methods, recruiting, etc.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, who was also congratulated on his recent appointment as a Canon of Norwich Cathedral, Mrs. Robertson the organist who stepped in at the last minute, and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barrett and lady helpers who organised the tea.

Southern Branch

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Diss on February 7th, attended by over 50 ringers and friends from Norfolk and Suffolk. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. L. O. Kenyon), who also gave the address, and the lesson was read by the president (Mr. Nolan Golden).

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman, Dr. P. H. A. Jonason; Ringing Master, Mr. W. G. Saunders; secretary, Mr. C. F. W. Philippo; standing committee, Messrs. F. C. Arnold and L. Last; Branch committee, Miss B. Syrett, Messrs. H. Moss, F. C. Roper, C. Catchpole and H. Fuller.

Reports on the activities of the Branch during the year were given by the chairman, Ringing Master and secretary, all of whom spoke of the need to recruit young learners.

The chairman thanked the Rector for conducting the service, Mr. A. G. Harrison for arranging the tea, and all who helped to make the meeting a success.

The next meeting will be held on May 9th at Brooke.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Sonning Deanery Branch

Owing to building operations, ringing was forbidden by the architect when the Sonning Deanery Branch met at All Saints', Wokingham, on February 21st, for their annual meeting. About 50 members attended the service conducted by the Rev. F. A. Steen, Rector. The Rev. H. Hartley, Vicar of Twyford, preached.

Tea was partaken in the Church House, followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the Branch chairman, Ven. H. T. Shaw.

The Branch secretary in his report gave the membership as 152, but expected a falling off in numbers during 1959. He regretted many proficient ringers in the Branch did not attend monthly meetings as often as they should. They should set an example to the younger members.

All the retiring officers were re-elected, and the Ringing Masters, Messrs. W. J. Parker and H. Smith, were thanked for their work during the past year.

Miss M. R. Cross said insufficient interest was being shown in church bell-ringing by clergy of the Oxford diocese. In only 117 of the 329 towers in the diocese were the bells rung satisfactorily. This Branch was famous in the past for the fact that the clergy took an interest in the ringers, but she had a strong suspicion that this was not so now.

Mr. F. Sharpe congratulated the members on the well-attended meeting. The usual votes of thanks to all concerned with the arrangements of the day concluded the proceedings.

Ringing up to London Surprise Major took place at St. Paul's Church until 9 p.m.

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Because of the close proximity of the main shopping centre it is not convenient to ring often at Chesterfield Parish Church on Saturdays, but special permission has been obtained for a meeting of the Chesterfield District of the Derbyshire Association next Saturday. It is hoped that many people will take advantage of this opportunity for a ring on these fine bells.

The gold watch competition organised by the Clewer, Windsor, ringers realised a profit of £16. The watch was won by Mr. G. Scares, of Marlow.

Leeds University Campanological Society are holding a youth-hostelling tour in East Anglia during the last week in July. The one-day trip on June 20th will be in North Staffordshire.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild will celebrate the 60th year of its existence by a dinner at Lincoln on October 17th. Details will be announced later.

The Henry Johnson Dinner last Saturday was another happy reunion. Mr. Morris J. Morris, was was 90 last August, enjoyed his evening. It is unusual to have a nonagenarian present.

The quarter peal at Nailsea on March 3rd was rung for Mr. Leonard Derrick, who is making satisfactory progress after his recent operation; also as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. Kortright and Miss R. Gaunt.

By ringing a peal at Newdigate, Mr. A. H. Smith, secretary of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has now 'circled' his District, having rung a peal in each tower under his jurisdiction.

Miss Anne M. Deacon, of Cadeby, was chosen as District Belle Queen at the annual dinner of the Hinckley District on February 28th. We hope Queens and Tittums were rung in honour of the occasion, apart from the well-struck course of Stedman Caters 'in hand.'

BELFRY

GOSSIP

A very warm welcome was extended to the Northern District of the Essex Association by the Rev. H. F. Godwin (Rector) when they met at Yeldham on March 7th. Forty-three members were present, representing 21 towers. The Rector conducted the service, and his wife and lady helpers served an excellent tea. Mr. Pratt, District Master, presided at the business meeting.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon has now rung 700 peals. His statistics are 553 different towers with 1,195 ringers. Milland, where the 700th peal was rung, was his 60th Sussex tower for a peal.

The band who rang in the first peal on the bells at Grittleton, Wiltshire, would like to associate it with the former rector, the Rev. E. H. Maish, who is making slow progress after a long and severe illness.

Would people sending up peal reports from Bristol please note that this city is in its own county and for a long while now has had no connection with Somerset or Gloucestershire, writes David Heighton.

The winter issue of the 'Ringers' Magazine' is sadly overdue, through circumstances beyond the Editor's control. He apologises to all the subscribers.

Mr. C. Chambers, of 71, Garmouth Avenue, King's View, Durban, is particularly anxious to obtain a good tenor man for St. Paul's Church, Durban. He writes: 'Most of the time we ring Grandsire and Bob Doubles, with a bit of Bob Minor and a plain course of Stedman Doubles.'

In our issue of February 27th there were two Burnham (Bucks) peals published, also an acknowledgment for a donation of four shillings. In order to avoid confusion, George Gilbert would like us to point out that the donation sent was from the Stedman band of January 31st.

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LET LOOSE IN AFRICA

By VICTOR SHEPPARD

(Continued from page 158)

Two other names from the past—the Ven. C. E. Earle Bulwer, sometime of St. Mary's, Handsworth, Works, who teamed up with Canon Ridout's handbell band at Grahamstown in 1913, and Clement Warnes, who learnt to ring at Pulham St. Mary's, Norfolk. After arriving in Cape Town in 1898 he never returned home, nor did he ring at Woodstock, although living close to the church until his death in 1955.

Finally, I must mention a man who is still remembered in the older ringing circles of London and the West Country. Fred G. May, well known as a composer and conductor, was born at Avening, Glos, in 1875, and soon became active around Bristol and Gloucester. He was elected to the Central Council, and by 1920 had rung in more than 660 peals; then silence until 1925. In that year he arrived in Cape Town and found a struggling band; his attempts at teaching them were thwarted by erratic attendance. He was ringing until 1934, but never scored anything at Durban, or Cape Town, where he died in 1956.

ST. HELENA

It is now time to glance at some interesting byways, and probably the most romantic is the island of St. Helena, South Atlantic Ocean, 1,700 miles north-west from the Cape of Good Hope. This lovely, lonely volcanic island is the home of 5,000 coloured people intensely loyal to the Crown; it is known chiefly as the place of exile and death of Napoleon. (Incidentally, these notes are being written within sight of St. Helena.) In the steeple of St. James' Church, Jamestown, the capital, hang a clock bell by Warner, 1872, about 5 cwt., and a Taylor bell, about 6 cwt., commemorating the royal visit there in 1947. The timbers of this steeple are riddled by the white ant, the plague of the island.

In the country church of St. Helena-of-the-Cross is a ship's bell, inscribed Mutla, 1856, and the story I have pieced together of its history whilst attractive may not necessarily be the Gospel truth. The Mutla, a three-masted barque, called at Jamestown about 1904 with a cargo of Welsh coal bound for the Cape. She was condemned by the authorities as unseaworthy, and after being offloaded she was stripped. The bell went to the front door of the Bishop's house, and the hulk towed out to sea and sunk by gunfire—its last act of defiance was to cut the submarine telegraph cable on the ocean bed.

Most interesting of all is the single bell outside the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 32 inches in diameter. It carries a decorated band on shoulder and waist. The inscription is: 'Buckeye bell foundry—cast by G. W. Coffin & Co.—Columbia Street East of Broadway—Cincinnati 1852.' It is hung 'dead' between brick columns in the churchyard, and has acquired a curious orange patina.

The old leper colony on Robben Island lies only seven miles from Cape Town in the middle of Table Bay, and the exquisite tiny white church is a sea mark for ships. It was built in 1841 by Richard Wolfe, the son of Wolfe of Quebec; and here a small Loughborough bell of 1874 hangs precariously in a wooden cradle on top of the tower roof.

The ship's bell, of H.M.S. 'Dominion,' the last of the pre-dreadnoughts of 1910 vintage, now proclaims public hours in the botanic gardens of Kirstenbosch, Cape; and in the country town of Ceres a small Barwell of 1873 speaks for the Dutch reformed church.

BELLS IN A TREE

Pietermaritzburg, a small town 40 miles from Durban, has four from Whitechapel, tenor about 4 cwt. St. Peter's Church, built in 1854, received these bells two years later, but they were not hung for another eight years due to the controversy involving Bishop Colenso. About 1864 the local blacksmith strapped them to the bough of a blue-gum tree standing in the church grounds, and ropes hung from the clappers. The following year when the Bishop returned from Britain, excommunicated, these ropes were removed and the church locked. Over the years the tree grew, the bells got further from the ground, and foliage curled into their mouths and prevented ringing.

There had been silence for many years at Pietermaritzburg, when during the afternoon of May 1st, 1955, a tornado hit the town, tore off roofs, chimney pots, and brought the gum tree down. Although the canons were broken on some, the damage was not very serious, and they now hang minus all canons, bolted to the arms of a cross of steel girders, set up where the gum tree once stood. In the city hall here on Sunday mornings, a rather worn mechanism chimes hymn tunes on the 12 bells. This carillon is said to be by Gillett and Johnston; the tenor is about a ton.

CONTINENTAL BELLS

So far, I have only dealt with the work of British founders, but as may be expected with a mixed population, many examples of Continental work can be found. The oldest I have seen comes from Claud Fremi, of Amsterdam, in 1697; that is 45 years after Cape Town was founded. It is 26 inches in diameter, and thick when compared with modern bells. This has probably saved it from cracking, as it is hung 'dead' above the entrance to the castle. It is clocked by hand at noon. The elaborate decoration, Latin inscription, and founder's mark, V.O.C., are beautifully executed.

The Dutch Reformed church, the Groote Kerk, in Cape Town had a 10 cwt. bell which fell down the tower in 1725; the following year it was recast by Jan Albert de Grave in Amsterdam, and together with a Mears of 1800, now sounds the quarters in the old tower. Less than a mile away is the German St. Martini Kirche, originally three bells: the cracked tenor was returned to Germany in 1913 and never seen again. Those remaining are so ornate that I really doubt if they came from a German founder. The canons are interlocked serpents and the whole surface is covered with long quotations and intricate patterns.

Quite different are the bells of Stellenbosch, the Afrikaans university town, 40 miles from the Cape. Here in the town square, hanging between tall brick columns, are three bells made by the Bochum Verein in 1805; they are plain, unattractive lumps of metal. German work from the same foundry is much in evidence in the Dutch churches of Pretoria. This city, 30 miles from Johannesburg, is the administrative capital of the Union, and the Groote Kerk there has three interesting steel bells. Hung for chiming in well-tucked-up cast-iron headstocks, with metal wheels and wire ropes, they are remarkable for length and pronounced flare—daffodil proportions. Their finish is very poor, with ugly, near-illegible lettering which, by the way, is in Dutch, thus showing them to have been made to order. Numerous casting blow-holes at the shoulders, and each headstock is lettered: 'The C.S. Bell Co. Hillboro. O. Steel Alloy church bells'—and thoroughly unpleasant they sound too.

TIME SIGNAL

The nationwide time signal is broadcast each morning from the clock in the Union Buildings, Pretoria, which has Westminster quarters and an hour bell by Taylors, 1913. Not far away, in the City Hall, is a fully automatic carillon of 32 tubular chimes, by Deagon, of Chicago. It can play different tunes hourly for a week, by means of a perforated paper roll. The less said about this horror the better.

Before I left this city, I experienced my most hair-raising tower ascent. It began with an 80 foot vertical steel ladder in a narrow brick shaft, and ended in the roof trusses of the nave, where a little 'un from Loughborough served the Catholic cathedral.

And last, the two most tantalising fragments of all, taken from newspapers early in this century: 'at Grahamstown, one John Jolly cast a set of bells for Basutoland . . . and at Bloemfontein some bells were cast by Thos. Peacock'; and there the trail faded out.

Thus far I have written on the past and present, but it is the future which concerns us all. The Union of South Africa has 2½ million white people: of these 65 per cent. are Afrikaans-speaking and members of the Dutch Reformed Church, 5 per cent. are various and 30 per cent. English-speaking. From this 30 per cent. take the Catholics, Baptists, Apostolics, etc., remember the distances between the three centres, and you will realise the small numbers who, hearing bells, know what it means.

Again, the country has no tradition of bells, and the oldest ring, at Grahamstown, have always been more or less derelict. The climate has a profound influence on the way of life, and leisure time is exclusively given over to outdoor sports. Very many people motor far and wide every weekend, and rugby and cricket achieve a status only rivalled in Britain by soccer.

It is under these conditions we think ourselves privileged to meet week by week, striving to improve, trying to pass on the noble Exercise—surely the tongue of light in the Dark Continent.

DILLINGTON HOUSE RINGERS' COURSE

The course, which is from Friday to Sunday, April 3rd to 5th, is planned for students over school-leaving age who wish to learn more advanced aspects of ringing, and also for future instructors in elementary ringing.

The instructors will be Mr. A. York-Bramble, Mr. Frederick Sharpe and Mr. Richard F. Speed.

Students assemble on Friday, April 3rd, at 8 p.m., and will be welcomed by the warden, Mr. Harvey Sheppard. Then will follow an introduction to the course, given by the three instructors and Mrs. A. K. Grabham.

Saturday's programme is: 9.45 a.m., Planned training in elementary ringing, by A. York-Bramble; 11.30, Belfry care and maintenance, Frederick Sharpe; 2 p.m., Planned training in elementary ringing, A. York-Bramble; Introduction to conducting, R. F. Speed; 5 p.m., Belfry visit, with a practical session; 8 p.m., Technology and theory of method structure (1), A. York-Bramble.

Sunday: 10 a.m., Technology and theory of method structure, A. York-Bramble; 11.15 a.m., Composition, R. F. Speed.

The fee, which includes full board and accommodation, is £3 3s. The non-residential fee of £2 6s. 6d. covers tuition and all meals except breakfast. Part of the course may be attended at a tuition fee of 4s. for each session, comprising an address and discussion.

Enrolment forms are obtainable from the Warden, Dillington House, Ilminster, Somerset, and the closing enrolment date is Friday, March 20th.

OBITUARY

MR. WALTER ALLWOOD

We regret to report the death on February 26th in the Scarsdale Hospital of Mr. Walter Allwood, of Chesterfield, aged 88 years.

A member of the famous Chesterfield company of 40 years ago, Walter was a good friend to many, and a good ringer who loved good striking (writes A. P. K.).

He was interred at the Boythorpe Cemetery, Chesterfield, on March 3rd. Handbells were rung over the grave by three of his young friends from Old Whittington, and Mr. A. P. Knights.

AN APPRECIATION

We would like to pay tribute to the late Walter Allwood, whose death has just been reported.

He was never one to say much of past times, although he confided to having rung over 200 peals. In 1925 he visited us at Old Whittington (Chesterfield), where there was a young band of raw recruits knowing very little of change-ringing. Walter took us in hand, and through his character, understanding and advice, made us what we are. He left his mark on many who knew him—his work lives on.

OLD WHITTINGTON RINGERS.

MR. ARTHUR JAMES LEWIS

By the death of 'Jim' Lewis, as he was affectionately known, the parish of St. Catherine, Feltham, Middlesex, has lost one of its most devoted servants and one who served the church there loyally for over 50 years in the capacity of choirboy, chorister, sidesman, server, churchwarden and in recent years, in a distinguished manner, as lay reader, in which capacity he was well known throughout the London diocese. He was a great benefactor of the church, and due to his modesty the extent of this will probably never be known or realised.

His ringing career was confined mostly to service ringing, and although in recent years a weak heart prevented him from being active in the belfry, his interest in bells and ringing continued, and he was the one chiefly concerned in supporting the recent scheme to augment the bells of Feltham to a ring of ten.

Prior to the funeral service the bells were rung half-muffled by A. R. Price and Mrs. A. R. Price, W. H. Coles, Stephen Gamble and Beryl Gamble. At the service the Bishop of Stepney in his address paid a warm tribute to one whom he described as a wonderful character. He pointed out that the packed church was in itself a tribute to his worth, and said that Jim Lewis had been a great help and inspiration to him personally since he came to the London diocese.

He had been in failing health for some time and it was typical that although far from well, he was about to take a Lenten service on Wednesday, February 25th, when he was taken seriously ill and unfortunately died before reaching his home. As could be expected, he was thus faithful unto death. Who will doubt that by now he will have received the crown of life?

W. H. C.

MR. GEORGE H. HEAD

With regret we report the death on February 22nd of Mr. George H. Head, of 21, Fountains Close, Hanworth, Middlesex.

MR. HARRY R. ROPER

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, and the Suffolk Guild have been dealt a severe blow by the death of Harry R. Roper which occurred on March 2nd, aged 73 years. He was a pupil of the late Rev. Wm. C. Pearson, of Henley, Suffolk, who augmented his five bells to eight and rang over a hundred peals on them.

He took part in the first peals of the following Maximus methods: Superlative, New Cambridge, Yorkshire, Rochester, Little Albion Treble Bob, York, also peals of Duffield, Forward, Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus and standard methods.

Harry was most regular and punctual at all services and practices, setting a good example to his juniors.

For the Norwich D.A. he rang 13 peals, and 110 for the Suffolk Guild. The passing of a good ringer, as Harry was, will be keenly felt. The funeral took place in Ipswich Cemetery on March 6th. Among the floral tributes was one from his brother ringers of the 'Tower.'

MR. GEORGE N. PRICE

We regret to record the death on February 25th in Dulwich Hospital after a short illness of Mr. George N. Price, aged 85. He was cremated on March 2nd at West Norwood.

Mr. Price was an esteemed member of the College Youths and took part in many brilliant ringing performances in the early part of this century.

MR. TOM FOWLER

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Tom Fowler, of Cookham, Berks, at Maidenhead Hospital on Monday. This great stalwart of the Oxford Diocesan Guild would have been 71 years of age on March 21st. His funeral took place at Holy Trinity Church, Cookham, yesterday (Thursday) at 3.30 p.m.

MR. H. E. SEAGER

With regret we announce the death on February 26th of Mr. H. E. Seager, a keen ringer at Great Totham, Essex, for over 60 years. He will be sadly missed.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY FORMED

Subsequent to the peal of Cambridge Minor at Aberavon on February 19th, the ringers taking part founded the University of Wales Society of Change Ringers.

The first meeting of the Society was held in Trevor Lewis's car, travelling at 60 m.p.h. on the Jersey Marine! (not claiming this as a stunt, or wishing to upset Bill Cook in any way). The Society includes ringers resident in, and those who have passed through, the colleges of the University—U.C. Bangor, U.C. Cardiff, U.C. Swansea and U.C. Aberystwyth. It was also decided to include St. David's College, Lampeter, on an equal basis, although not a constituent college of the University. It was also unanimously agreed that Gwyn Thomas, of Tenby, should be made an honorary member for services to ringing in U.C. Aberystwyth.

The meeting was concluded on reaching Swansea with a visit to the rebuilt Parish Church of St. Mary, and an inspection of the tower and frame which is to house the new Taylor ring of eight.

Unfortunately, travelling arrangements could not be fulfilled according to plan, and the proposed peal attempt at Sketty had to be forgone.

A touch of 1,104 Plain Bob Minor was, however, rung before Evensong. Some of the band then spent the rest of the evening and early hours of the following morning at the inter-college Eisteddfod in Swansea.

CANWYD Y CLYCHAU I WYL DEWI SANT

Naturally enough, the festival of our patron saint was a call to great rejoicing, and eight members of the Society made a 'pilgrimage' to the isolated home of the Saint—St. David's—the smallest city in Britain.

A peal of Double Norwich was attempted on the fine Mears eight, and due to considerable reverberation of sound in the ringing room we had to ring very slowly, in order to distinguish each bell from the interminable hum. The first half came up in 1½ hours, but a quarter of an hour or so later the ringing collapsed, the noise

of the bells preventing the conductor from 'sorting things out.' A course of Bristol was then rung, before thanking the Dean and local ringers and taking our leave.

The road then took us to Haverfordwest, and here, with Harry Jenkins and Dai Betts, we tried our hand at the deteriorating, anti-clockwise Bayley eight. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Little Bob, together with a course of Cambridge, with 'a couple of leads of Yorkshire thrown in,' were rung before saying goodbye to Tony Hutchins.

Thanks to Gwyn's hospitality, we spent the remainder of a very enjoyable day with handbells, and a brief business meeting. Ryan Price took the chair as a possible constitution and ringing programme were discussed. Ryan was elected an honorary member, and we finished the evening off with still more handbells.

The following morning, St. David's Day, ringing started with Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Yorkshire for Matins. In the afternoon the Vicar of St. Mary's kindly allowed us to ring at Pembroke, and on raising the back six and ringing a course of Cambridge Minor we were greatly impressed. This did not last long, however, for on raising the trebles we found them to be a tone apart, the second being very flat and the treble perhaps slightly sharp. We rang courses of Bristol and Yorkshire before returning to Tenby, confirming on the way that Monkton were hung for chiming only.

A good quarter peal of Cambridge Major was then rung at Tenby for Evensong, before we took leave of our hosts. We would like to record our gratitude to the heart-warming Welsh hospitality and good food given to us by Gwyn Thomas, Ryan Price, Harry Jenkins and their good ladies.

Finally, if anyone has been through the University of Wales and would be interested in the Society, would they please contact the secretary, Derek Astridge, 13, De La Bèche Road, Sketty, Swansea.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CLERGY AND RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I fully expected a reply to my letter regarding the attitude of some clergy to bells and ringing, and therefore the Rev. Mr. Brunning's letter came as no surprise.

Naturally, as ringers are only human and have their faults, no doubt non-attendance by some to the services for which they ring is one of them. I would, however, point out to Mr. Brunning that two wrongs do not make a right, and also that his counter-argument does not affect the facts which I stated in my letter.

Church-going, I think, depends as much upon the human element as it does upon the spiritual one, in spite of the fact that the latter should be the controlling factor. If this is so, then we have part of the reason for non-attendance at services both by some ringers and the public. If a parson finds that his ringers do not attend services there must surely be some reason, but if he pursues his calling and Faith irrespective of results, he will at least have satisfied his conscience.

In spite of Mr. Brunning saying that my last paragraph has nothing to do with the topic, I do not agree with him. What I said in it is felt to be true by many (apart from ringers and churchwardens): it may not be spoken of very often because those who believe it have not the 'guts' to say it. Whether one is a churchwarden or not is beside the point.

Of course ringers enjoy ringing. Both ringing and the service thereby given are meant to be enjoyable, and I hope always will be. I was a ringer at the age of eight, and have for several years now averaged over 300 miles each week going to service ringing, practices and peals, and I have enjoyed every bit of it. In addition, I have tried to attend services regularly, but I should consider it very unusual, and interfering, if I was expected to attend every service I helped to ring for in every church in which I rang.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR SAYERS.

Newbury, Berks.

RABBITS' GUILD

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trick is kind enough to express appreciation of the work of the Rabbits' Guild. He is wrong, though, in imparting to it hostility to all Ringing Masters. I would remind him that the Guild maintains a roll of honour to which worthy R.M.'s are admitted, by nomination or after examination, and I would assure him that the pretensions of any R.R.M. (Rabbit Ringing Master) who applies for admission to the roll are examined with the utmost sympathy. He secures election if he proves even to try to carry out his duties on the lines approved by the Guild. The essential word is 'try.' To fall short of honourable intentions is no disgrace. *Cuniculum est errare.*

Further, the Guild is much aware of the problem of the R.R.M., and actually has consideration of his plight on the agenda for its next A.G.M., which will take place during the octave of St. Francis. If enough interest is shown, a separate section for R.R.M.'s may be formed: it has been suggested that it should take for its emblem a rabbit couchant.—Yours faithfully,

B. M. W. D.,
Secretary, R.G.

SHROVE TUESDAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—I think the following will be of interest to our Nottingham friends. While doing a genealogical search I came across this note in 'Leicester Journal,' February 9th, 1788:

'On Shrove Tuesday morning a true and complete peal of 5,040 changes of Bob Royal, ten in, was rung on the deep-toned bells of St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, by a select band of the Sherwood Society in that town. The time, 3 hours 44 minutes—weight of the tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 pounds. The performance was the first long peal in that method on these bells and was completed in the first attempt ever made there for the same.

'Be others pleas'd with trifling gee-gaw fights
Un-meaning—but let me behold a band
Selected, and of ten compos'd, with arms
Ascending, and descending, stand, while
health

Sits wreathing roses on their damask cheek,
And jocund pleasure dances in their eyes:
While every bell strikes true, and not a note
Of jarring discord hurts attention's ear.—
W-T-T'

Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

ANOTHER WITHDRAWAL

Dear Sir,—From recent correspondence in your journal it seems that a peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative, which I called at St. John's, Bournemouth, on November 12th, 1955, is false.

I herewith withdraw the peal.—Yours faithfully,

F. L. HARRIS.

Lymington.

A VETERAN IN CANADA

Dear Sir,—Soon after Mr. Peter Crooks arrived in Brampton to visit his daughter and other relatives, I had the pleasure of meeting him at his daughter's home, and in some way learned he was a well-known bell-ringer. I did not know that as I had been so long out of touch with matters of campanology.

Mr. Crooks went to the trouble of writing to 'The Ringing World' and mentioned having met me; he also gave me a copy of your paper with the letter printed.

He also sent me a copy of 'The Ringing World' dated October 31st, 1958, in which appeared two letters, one from Mr. William Shepherd and one from Mr. Chas. J. Sedgley. Except for minor details, both letters are correct, and I should like to express my appreciation to the writers for going to the trouble of writing to 'The Ringing World.'

My first remembrance of bells was when my father used to take me to St. Margaret's, Ipswich, every Sunday morning. For a great many years the bells of St. Margaret's were only chimed for the church services.

For many years my uncles George, Jack and Fred used to chime there: Billy Motts, a brother of the famous James Motts, was the leader. I did quite a lot of my ringing with James Motts, and many times one would look in his direction and he looked half asleep, but let a bell be rung the least bit out of place he was wide awake.

I used to spend all my spare time ringing at many churches in the surrounding country before I joined the St. Mary-le-Tower Society. Two boys of about my own age were allowed to chime the three bells at St. Stephen's, Ipswich. They were not supposed to be raised. We did quite a repair job on them, and to try them out we used to muffle them, and continued to do so until someone came to see where the noises were coming from. After that I was made a member of St. Mary-le-Tower Ringers. Beside my Uncle Charles my Uncle Albert was also a member until he died in 1906. I believe I rang in a half-muffled peal at that time.

My uncles Jack and Fred married sisters, and one widow still lives in Ipswich. My father's sister Alice married Willie Roughton, who was also a member of St. Mary-le-Tower. My aunt still lives at Harrow-on-the-Hill.

One of the peals that I rang was a half-muffled one by members of St. Mary-le-Tower and members of the Essex Association at Harwich, after the G. E. R. steamer 'Berlin' was wrecked off Holland.

When my family and myself left England in 1907 we went to Winnipeg, and even at that time there were many fine churches. I moved to Ontario about seven years ago, and the church in Brampton have only one bell each.

In 1954 I travelled by air and had a very enjoyable three weeks' holiday in England, visiting my relatives in Suffolk, near London and at Littlehampton.

When I was in Ipswich I listened to the bells of St. Margaret's being rung, as I had on many previous occasions, especially when the Sproughton ringers under Charles Mee were attempting a peal in a new method.

Then I climbed the steps I remembered so well and was given the treble to toll for the morning service; that was the first time I had a bell rope in my hands since 1912.

One thing, the numbers of new methods being rung now is amazing.—Yours very truly,

W. C. GILLINGHAM.

26, Rogers Road,
Brampton, Ontario.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Kent Branch

At Benenden on February 28th the Kent Branch held their first meeting of the year since their annual meeting on January 24th. There was a good attendance from 11 towers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. Jessop Price), with Mr. J. R. Cooper at the organ.

A most enjoyable tea was held at the Vicarage, followed by some handbell ringing; then thanks were accorded to the Vicar, to Mr. J. Cooper, to Mr. R. J. Brown for making the arrangements, to Mrs. Jessop Price who arranged for the tea and to the local ladies who helped with it.

A short business meeting followed, at which two new members were elected, and the date and place of the next meeting was confirmed as a joint meeting with the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association at Ospringe on May 9th.

Ringling during the meeting ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major. S. M. D.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE DUBLIN MEETING, 1958

MINUTES of the second session of the twenty-third Council (61st Annual Meeting), held in the Synod Hall, Dublin, on Whitson Tuesday, May 27th, 1958.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. G. O. Simms, the Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin, Cclr. M. E. Dockrell, and the President of the Irish Association, Mr. William Pratt. On behalf of the ringers of Ireland, Mr. Pratt presented the Council with a shillelagh to commemorate their first meeting in Ireland. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the President.

PRESENT:—

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. W. Williams.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss Williams.

Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. W. Allman.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. W. P. Robinson.

Devon Guild.—Mr. T. G. Myers, Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. H. J. Shuck.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. G. Gipson, Mr. H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—Mr. J. H. Crampion, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. N. Pittow.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. R. G. Bell.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association.—Mr. J. R. Cooper, Mr. T. Cullingworth, Mr. T. E. Sone.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. P. Crook, Mr. Dunkerley, Mr. J. Ridyard.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. S. Burton, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. E. Feirn.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. F. T. Blagrove, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. T. J. Lock.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. H. W. Barrett, Mr. N. G. Golden, Mr. N. V. Harding, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. P. I. Chapman, Mr. E. G. Orland.

St. Martin's Guild.—Mr. G. E. Fearn, Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Sheffield and District Society.—Mr. N. Chadcock.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. B. G. Key, Mr. G. W. Hughes.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. W. F. Oatway.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. W. C. Boucher, Mr. D. Burnett.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger.

Worcester and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. S. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. G. Benfield, Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. L. W. G. Morris.

Life members.—Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. D. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. W. A. Osborn, Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Mr. L. Stilwell, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. T. W. White.

SUMMARY:—

	Assoc.	Members Present	Absent
Wholly Represented ..	10	20	—
Partially Represented ..	27	52	46
Not Represented ..	18	—	33
	55	72	79
Life Members ..	..	5	1
Hon. Members ..	..	10	11
		87	91

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 55 Associations were affiliated entitled to 153 members. The Rules provided for 24 Honorary Members and there were 6 Life Members, making a total membership of 183. There were two vacancies among Representative members and 3 among Honorary Members. Since the last meeting the North Wales Association had ceased to be affiliated. All subscriptions had been paid.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. F. Ainsley, R. S. Anderson, W. Ayre, D. Beacham, A. L. Bennett, F. H. Bennett, E. C. Birkett, J. W. Blythe, P. N. Bond, J. Bray, W. Butler, J. W. Clarke, Miss D. E. Colgate, P. A. Corby, G. H. Cross, Miss M. R. Cross, J. I. P. Davis, J. T. Dyke, E. Edmondson, J. P. Fidler, S. Foskett, J. Freeman, J. A. Freeman, P. M. J. Gray, F. I. Hairs, G. H. Harding, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, C. H. Hawkins, F. E. Hawthorne, A. C. Hazelden, G. W. Jeffs, G. S. Joyce, Mrs. D. J. King, Rev. J. Kingdon, F. W. Lack, Dr. D. N. Layton, G. I. Lewis, G. J. Lewis, J. R. Mayne, H. Miles, W. F. Moreton, J. L. Morris, G. S. Morris, A. Mould, Dr. D. H. Niblett, E. Nobles, R. Overy, W. N. Park, A. J. Pitman, A. H. Pulling, Mrs. A. Richardson, Rev. A. S. Roberts, C. W. Roberts, F. W. Rogers, J. Segar, E. C. Shepherd, J. F. Smallwood, Miss M. E. Snowdon, P. J. Stanforth, Mrs. P. J. Stanforth, Mrs. J. G. Steeples, T. H. Taffender, W. H. Viggers, A. Walker, W. C. West, J. Willis and J. J. Webb.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

Messrs. P. Crook (Lancashire Association), R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell and T. W. White (Honorary Members) were presented.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow was elected Vice-President for 1958-60 on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.

Mr. F. W. Perrens was elected Librarian for 1958-60 on the proposition of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

Both newly-elected officers returned their thanks.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The Standing Committee recommended that Mrs. J. G. Steeples be re-elected and that three vacancies be retained. This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, seconded by Mr. F. Dunkerley.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The President reported the death of the following members and former members of the Council, the assembly standing in silence: Messrs. F. Bennett (Sussex and Royal Cumberland Youths), H. W. Brown (Bath and Wells), H. Chambers (Peterborough), J. Cooke, (Chester), F. Dench (College Youths), J. Hardcastle (Yorkshire), J. Holden (United Counties), J. E. Lilley (Devon), F. Precey (Salisbury) and Rev. C. J. Sturton (Midland Counties).

Tributes were paid to the memory of Messrs. Bennett, Brown, Chambers, Dench and Lilley.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of April 4th, 1958, and circulated to members, were adopted, with the addition of Mr. G. S. Joyce to the list of new members presented to the President, on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.

REPORTS

These have been published in 'The Ringing World' as shown:—

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

(June 6th, 1958, page 366)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. W. F. Oatway. The President thanked Mr. and Mrs. Barnett for their work during the year.

HON. LIBRARIAN

(June 6th, 1958, page 366)

The President appealed to those having books on loan to return them at an early date in readiness for the hand-over to Mr. Perrens. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. P. Crook. It was agreed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. E. S. Tarrant, widow of the Rector of Launton. The Rev. J. G. M. Scott paid a tribute to the President for his work as Librarian since 1953.

BALANCE SHEET AND ACCOUNTS

(June 6th, 1958, pages 366-7)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

(June 6th, 1958, page 367)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris. The President expressed thanks to Mr. Douglas Hughes for demonstrating the machine on various occasions.

STANDING COMMITTEE

(June 6th, 1958, page 367)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

'HISTORY OF CHANGE-RINGING'

SUB-COMMITTEE

(June 6th, 1958, page 368)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

(June 6th, 1958, page 368)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens. Mr. W. N. Park was added to the Committee, in the place of Mr. J. T. Dyke, to whom the thanks of the Council and best wishes for a speedy restoration to health were expressed.

Arising from a question by Mr. W. G. Wilson, Mr. W. B. Cartwright expressed the view that under the rules, power to co-opt given to the Committee in 1951 was *ultra vires*. After discussion, it was agreed that the position regarding co-option should be examined by Messrs. Barnett and Cartwright.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, pages 383-4)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Miss J. Stewart.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, page 384)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. L. Stilwell, seconded by Mr. R. G. Blackman.

'BEGINNERS' HANDBOOK' COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, page 385)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. R. F. B. Speed. It was agreed that 5,000 copies should be printed.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, page 385)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, Mr. Norman Chaddock was added to the Committee.

METHODS COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, page 386)

Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis. Mr. Felstead said it was hoped that the Minor book would be published in a few months and the Triples book before the next meeting.

PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

(June 13th and 20th, 1958, pages 384 and 402)

Adopted as slightly amended, on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett. An amendment to include a peal of Saturn Treble Bob Doubles was lost. Later it was proposed by Mr. C. K. Lewis and seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett that a peal of Erin Doubles should be deleted from the Analysis. The motion was lost.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, page 385)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, page 385)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. G. E. Feirn.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, page 386)

Adopted on the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, page 386)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. F. E. Collins. Mr. J. H. Crampion expressed thanks on behalf of a number of incumbents in Essex for work done by the Committee.

It was agreed that the President should enter into discussions with the President of the Central Council for the Care of Churches on matters of policy.

MOTIONS

(a) Proposed by Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Rev. J. G. M. Scott, and carried:—

'That a committee be appointed to investigate the state of Sunday service ringing, to find out the factors making for success and to report back their findings and recommendations so that together with the ringing Associations and Church authorities the Central Council may help to increase and improve Sunday service ringing.'

Messrs. N. Chaddock, P. M. J. Gray, F. B. Lufkin, Rev. J. G. M. Scott and Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow were appointed as the Committee, with Mr. Chaddock as convener.

(b) Proposed by Mr. F. T. Blagrove and seconded by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow:—

'That the conditions required for peals of Doubles shall be amended to read as follows:

(a) Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—

(i) True and complete six-scores without interval between any two six-scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(ii) Round blocks of a multiple of 120, provided that such round blocks contain each of the different 120 changes

the same number of times, without interval between such blocks and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(iii) Combinations of (i) and (ii).

(b) Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell, and no continuous leading bells are allowed.

'That the conditions required for peals of Minor shall be amended to read as follows:

(a) Peals of Minor shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—

(i) True and complete 720's without interval between any two 720's, and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(ii) Round blocks of a multiple of 720, provided that such round blocks contain each of the different 720 changes the same number of times, without interval between such blocks and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(iii) Combinations of (i) and (ii).

(b) Peals of Minor to be rung on six bells.' The motion was lost.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

On the proposition of Mr. F. Dunkerley, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, an invitation from the Lancashire Association for 1959 was accepted, the place of the meeting being left to the Association to decide.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Hon. Secretary gave notice of motion to amend Rule 11(i) by deleting all after the words 'Hon. Secretary' in line 9 and substituting the words 'not later than the 31st March before the meeting.'

Mr. C. W. Pipe drew attention to the desirability of making recordings of notable peals of bells.

VOTES OF THANKS

A vote of thanks to Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Mr. F. E. Dukes was proposed by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, seconded by Mr. H. W. Rogers and carried.

On the motion of the President, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin, the Archbishop of Dublin and the President of the Irish Association (Mr. W. Pratt) for their welcome; to the representative body of the Church of Ireland for the use of the Synod Hall; to the Dean of St. Patrick's for officiating at Holy Communion that morning, and the Dean of Christ Church for opening the meeting with prayer; to Messrs. F. E. Dukes and J. T. Dunwoody, and Miss J. Stewart, for their work in arranging the meeting; to the Irish Association and Irish ringers generally for their kindness and hospitality, and to local incumbents and tower keepers for the use of their bells.

After the meeting the members were the guests of Bord Fáilte Éireann (Irish Tourist Board) at tea.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Haynes 1, Miss J. Dear (first 'inside') 2, L. B. Scoot 3, A. W. A. Leggett 4, C. A. S. Harwood (cond.) 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck 7, J. S. Dear 8.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Wadsworth 1, Rita M. Jowett (first quarter, aged 14) 2, S. B. Schofield 3, Janet Brook 4, H. B. Schofield 5, B. Gillian Schofield (cond.) 6. Rung silent for practice.

BENSON, OXON.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grand sire): J. Cherrill 1, T. Selwood 2, I. Kyd 3, J. Webb 4, J. Godman (cond.) 5, R. Carpenter 6. A compliment to R. D. Wells (foreman) on his 70th birthday. Rung for Matins.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Eastern Division**

In spite of the prevalence of influenza, the largest attendance for some years strained the resources of those providing the tea at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, whose roomy tower at one time held 57 members, representing 15 towers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Eastbourne (Rev. W. W. S. March) and the lesson read by the Master (Mr. R. V. Johnson).

At the business meeting in the Old Parsonage the members first stood in silence in memory of Doctor Bell, for many years Bishop of Chichester and president of the Association, and of George King, for 30 years captain of Salehurst tower.

The secretary (Mr. H. G. F. Reynolds) in his annual report stated that Westham and Warbleton towers had been welcomed to the Association in 1958, making a record total of 27 towers, or 70 per cent. of ringable bells in East Sussex. Thirty-five new members and three non-resident life members had joined, including a large number of teenagers. Sunday service ringing had in general improved again, and he was glad to note more quarter peals by local bands appearing in 'The Ringing World.' The meetings had enabled many young members to improve their handling and command of more advanced methods, but the attendance had dropped to an average of 27. The Ringing Master, Mr. L. Giles, had given '100 per cent. attendance.'

The report and balance sheet, showing an increased balance, were adopted.

The chairman announced that Mr. Reynolds did not wish to stand for re-election as secretary, and the meeting unanimously elected Mr. F. H. Becey, of Hellingly, who at the age of 20 must be the youngest-ever divisional secretary. Mr. L. Giles, Ringing Master, Mr. T. A. Hunnisset, hon. auditor, Mrs. B. Percy and Mr. C. Verdon, committee, were all re-elected.

The general secretary (Mr. R. W. R. Percy) read a proposed alteration to the rules dealing with finance. A lively discussion followed, culminating in a proposal from Mr. T. A. Hunnisset to be submitted to the annual meeting that the annual levy should be fixed and not left to the discretion of the hon. treasurer. In this way divisional secretaries would know how much of their income would remain in divisional funds.

The meeting thanked the Vicar and organist and those who had provided the excellent tea.
H. R.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**Marlborough Branch**

Those with a flair for 5-bell ringing, especially heavy ones, were attracted to Ogbourne St. George's, Wilts, on February 21st, on the occasion of the Marlborough Branch meeting. The ratio of visitors was almost two to one members, and they came from Southampton, Bridgwater, Reading, London, Swindon and Steeple Ashton.

The Rev. H. W. Dunn (Vicar) conducted the service and also made all the local arrangements. Mr. G. Newman thanked the reverend gentleman for allowing the use of the bells.

After the service and tea further ringing took place at Ogbourne St. Andrew's.

The writer would like to thank all those who kindly made inquiries during his unhappy experience, and those who visited him in hospital, and would like to say he is now making a good recovery.
T. A. P.

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DEATH

ALLWOOD.—On Thursday, February 26th, 1959, at Scarsdale Hospital, Chesterfield, Walter, aged 88 years. One time ringer in South Yorkshire and at Chesterfield Parish Church, later at Old Whittington (Chesterfield). Whittington ringers C. Price, G. Lawrence, J. Newman and P. Knights (Sheffield) rang at the graveside. 3997

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LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.—Ringing will be resumed on Easter Day, March 29th, 9.45 a.m., 2.45 p.m. Practice Mondays 7–8.30 p.m. except Bank Holidays. All ringers welcome, including Lichfield exiles.—F. A. Sedgwick. 4030

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, March 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. Cooper. 3986

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual meeting at Colemans Hatch, Saturday, March 14th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please make an effort to attend, to elect a new president.—C. A. Bassett. 3916

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford (6), Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 3971

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Bromley, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Little Bromley (4) may be available after tea.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 3927

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands Branch.—Annual meeting, Hampton, Evesham, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (café) 3s. 3d. 3977

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 14th, St. Mary's, Ealing, 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Business and further ringing, Christ Church, Ealing, 6.30 p.m.—M. Powell. 3972

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, Saturday, March 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3962

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge District.—Meeting, Grundisburgh (10), Saturday, March 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for only those who notify.—C. R. Lovett, Daisy Cottage, Lower Road, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge. 3928

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting at Cheddar on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 3987

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Ubley (6) on Saturday, March 21st. Bells 5 p.m. until 6.30. Winford bells available 7 to 8 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 3838

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hinton St. George on Saturday, March 21st. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 4018

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Wallasey (St. Hilary's), Saturday, March 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4025

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Willoughby, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Braunston available after tea. Please send names for tea by Tuesday, March 17th, to Mr. Hancock, Brookside, Willoughby, near Rugby. Everybody welcome.—D. A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec. 4002

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Sandiacre, Saturday, March 21st, 3 p.m. Tea provided—no names required.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 4024

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Magdalen, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4012

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives (8), Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4027

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bishop's Cleeve (8), Saturday, March 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 7.30 p.m. Names by March 17th. No names, no tea.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 4019

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Henbury (8), Saturday, March 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 4005

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Great Barrington, Saturday, March 21st, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Notify before March 19th. Teynton 6.30 p.m.—Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 3994

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Chipping Sodbury (6), Saturday, March 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by March 18th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 4020

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 21st. Ringing: Holy Trinity and Stoke, 2.30 p.m. and in evening; St. Mary's, 2.30 and 4.15; St. Nicolas' and Shalford, in evening. Service at Holy Trinity, 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.), 5.30 p.m., Harvey's Restaurant, High Street. The business of the annual meeting will follow. Notifications for tea by first post Wednesday, 18th, to C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham.—S. T. A. Russell, Hon. Sec. 3989

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Walkden, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows tea. Cups of tea provided. Excellent eight here. Note change of date.—Thornley, Sec. 3991

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 21st. St. Saviour's, Bacup. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m.—J. Porter. 4029

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting, Dalton-in-Furness, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 4008

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Matthew's, Stretford (8), at 4 p.m., Saturday, March 21st.—G. D. Fearnough, Sec. 4023

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Barwell, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea at the Red Lion Inn 4.30 p.m. Names by the Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. C. R. Belton, Westgate, Hinckley Road, Barwell, Leics. Regret, no names, no tea.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 3996

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Bowden, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 4015

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Twyford (not Waltham) on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 18th, please, to Mr. R. Spencer, Twyford, Leics. 4011

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, Saturday, March 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. for those who notify by Tuesday, March 17th. Further ringing in evening. Names for tea to E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, The Meadows, Trenches Farm, Langley, Bucks. 4014

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Boyne Hill, Saturday, March 21st, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 18th to W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. Note date. 4007

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wargrave on Saturday, March 21st, 6 to 8 p.m. Special method, Oxford Bob Triples and Major.—B. C. Castle. 4009

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Benefield (6), Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous, please.—Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 3999

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Evening meeting, Saturday, March 21st, Ravensthorpe (5).—E. M. Thresher, Sec. 4016

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Ramsbury, Saturday, March 21st. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 4013

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Acomb, near York, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea on or before 19th, please, to Mr. Frank Horner, 6, Granger Avenue, Acomb, York.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4006

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 18th to Mr. B. G. Key, 54, Rolleston Road, Burton-on-Trent. 3970

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Bingham, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to me.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts. 3966

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A District meeting will be held at Great Barton (6) on Saturday, March 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., but bring own food, please; cups of tea will be available. All are welcome.—L. Wright, Act. Sec. 3988

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Tuesday, March 19th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4028

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Eckington, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Names for tea by March 18th to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 3973

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western District) and **LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting at Armley, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meetings. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 18th, to Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds. 12.—Marsh and Thorley, Secs. 3983

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Woburn, Easter Saturday, March 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Short service 6 p.m. Accommodation for tea limited to first 40 names (no café).—K. G. Spavins, 8, London Road, Woburn. 4021

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, March 30th, in St. Paul's Vestry, Bedford, at 2 p.m. Bells available: St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (8), Bedford, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3.30 to 5.30 and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. in St. Paul's Hall. Names by 25th, please, to Miss A. Amor, 100 Denmark Street, Bedford.—John W. Sinfield, Hon. Sec. and Treas. 4022

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting, Cockermouth
On Easter Monday, March 30th
Bells from 1 p.m. A.G.M. 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, March 26th, to Mr. R. W. Daniels, Shatton Lodge, Cockermouth. Difficult to obtain tea otherwise.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 3995

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Ottery St. Mary, Easter Monday. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by March 25th to Mr. C. J. Turner, Hillcote, Ottery St. Mary. 4017

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will take place on Easter Monday, March 30th, at Huntingdon. Ringing arrangements: Eynesbury (6), 10 to 11.30 a.m.; St. Neots (8), 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon; Great Paxton (5), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Buckden (5), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Great Staughton (6), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Spaldwick (6), 12.30 to 1.30; Leighton Bromswold (5), 1 to 2; Winwick (5), 1.30 to 2.30; Alconbury (6), 1.30 to 2.30; Brampton (5), 2.30 to 3.30; Godmanchester (8), 2.30 to 4; St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), 3 to 4.15; Huntingdon All Saints' (6), 4 to 4.30 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea and meeting, All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, 5 p.m. Godmanchester and both Huntingdon towers available after tea.—W. J. Ridgman, Hon. Sec. 4026

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Llandaff, Easter Monday. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 4000

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Margate, Easter Monday, March 30th. Committee, 11 a.m., choir vestry, Parish Church. Service 12 noon. Luncheon 1.15 p.m. in the Sun Lounge of the Winter Gardens. Applications for tickets by Saturday, March 21st, to Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill. Bobbing, Sittingbourne: members 5s., others 7s. 6d. Printed leaflet with full details of ringing, agenda of business, etc., sent with tickets. Towers include St. Laurence's, Thanet (10); St. Peter-in-Thanel (8); All Saints', Birchington (8); Quex Park, Birchington (12); and Margate Parish Church (8).—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham. 3976

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 30th. Full arrangements next week.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec. 3993

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Embleton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bus leaving Bewick Street 2 p.m. Cost 6s. 6d. Names for bus and tea by Monday, April 27th, to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle, 3. 3992

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Lunch and tea. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Outing secretaries please note.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. 4010

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

For their long excursion of the term on February 14th, the University of Bristol Society took the unprecedented step of travelling by coach.

The first tower was Avening (6), nestling on the side of the hill; here ringing varied from rounds to London and Oswald. Then we proceeded to Minchinhampton with its truncated tower—a pleasant ring of six, where York was included in our Minor repertoire. The beauty of the countryside was appreciated as the coach made its way towards Painswick. Here a bob course of Grandsire Cinques was rung, followed, most aptly, with a plain course of Painswick. Rounds and Stedman Caters brought an enjoyable visit to an end. Striking was not very good, but considering the strength of the band it was not a bad effort.

Stroud was the next stop arranged so that members could satisfy their hunger before ringing on the ten. This again provided a good opportunity to improve striking on higher numbers. Grandsire and Stedman were again rung, together with a touch of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major.

This completed our selection of towers but, of course, we had one more stop to make on the road. During our time here two members rang a selection of tunes on handbells together with a few attempts at method.

By the way, was the Society's bachelor Cupid's long-called-for resignation a consequence of the trip coinciding with St. Valentine's Day?

R. B.

UNIVERSITIES UNITE

Sixteen members of the Leeds and Sheffield University Societies met together at Barnsley on the afternoon of February 21st. In spite of an interruption caused by a wedding, the bells were well used between 2 and 5 o'clock. It is to be hoped that the splicing in the church was more successful than our attempt at Plain and Little Bob! Thanks to John Segar, we did attempt Double Norwich, to the accompanying cry of 'Let's be progressive.' We lowered the bells! Even this proved unfortunate, owing to an anonymous member who has different ideas from the 'Tykes.'

Successful methods included Plain Bob, Stedman Triples, and Kent and Oxford T.B. The atmosphere was extremely friendly, and we look forward eagerly to the next joint meeting.

Thanks are due to the Vicar of Barnsley and to Mr. J. S. Rank, Sheffield secretary, for arranging the meeting.

R. B.

Ambleside Vicar A Bishop

The Archbishop of York (Dr. Michael Ramsey) and 11 bishops took part in the consecration in York Minster of the Ven. Sidney Cyril Bulley (Archdeacon of Westmorland and Vicar of Ambleside) as Bishop Suffragan of Penrith. School children were among a party of 300 people who travelled from Windermere by special train for the ceremony.

In the evening at Ambleside Parish Church the local band rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, this being the first quarter by the local Sunday service band since before the last war. The two lady ringers are the daughters of the late Mr. T. B. Newton, captain of the ringers for 20 years.

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LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The February meeting of the Society was held at Birstall and was well attended. The bells were kept going in a variety of methods from 3 o'clock until 9, with a short break for tea and the business meeting. Although this was not the nomination meeting, Mr. D. Thorp was nominated as the new secretary, as the present holder of this office will be in Lincolnshire by the time the annual meeting arrives.

The March meeting will be held at Armley—a joint meeting with the Yorkshire Association (Western District).

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